

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re application of: SLAUGHTER et al.

Application No.: 09/249,229

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Title: MECHANISM BY WHICH PLATFORM
INDEPENDENT SOFTWARE MAY BIND
TO AND ACCESS PLATFORM
DEPENDENT SOFTWARE

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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Assistant Commissioner for Patents
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Sir:

Prior to an action on the merits, please amend the above-identified application as follows.

IN THE CLAIMS

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18. The method as recited in claim [18] 17, wherein the business card is instantiated by a system administrator at system start up.

Respectfully submitted,
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